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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION ON SPECIALTY STEEL

REF: (A) STATE 64134, (B) STATE 51179

1. EMBASSY PASSED USIS WIRELESS FILE TEXT AND COMMENTARY IMMEDIATELY TO APPROPRIATE ROKG ACTION OFFICERS UPON RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS TO MEDIA MARCH 17.

1. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI) OFFICIALS WHO HAD ALREADY DIGESTED MATERIALS STATED THAT THEIR "SUPERIORS" WISHED EMBASSY AND USG TO KNOW THAT THEY "APPRECIATE DELICACY OF SITUATION FACED BY STR AND PRESIDENT" AS WELL AS THE INTENT OF THE EFFORTS OF LATTER TO EMPLOY THE LIMITED FLEXIBILITY AVAILABLE TO THEM.

3. MCI OFFICIALS NOTED U.S. INTENT TO NEGOTIATE ORDERLY TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH "KEY SUPPLYING COUNTRIES" AND REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASK WHETHER THEY MIGHT EXPECT AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROACH BY USG FOR AN AGREEMENT OR WHETHER, BECAUSE KOREA

IS NOT A MAJOR EXPORTER, THEY COULD EXPECT KOREA TO BE
TREATED IN A GROUP CATEGORY LABELLED "OTHERS". THEY
INTEND TO INSTRUCT ROK EMBASSY WASHDC TO RAISE SAME QUESTION.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: ROKG OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH
EFFECTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ACTION FOR NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY
TO GO ON STREAM IN AUGUST, 1976. FOR THAT REASON, ALTHOUGH
THEY WERE NOT EXPLICIT, THEY WOULD PROBABLY PREFER ROK
EXPORTS TO BE INCLUDED IN AN UNALLOCATED "OTHERS" CATEGORY,
RATHER THAN TO RECEIVE A FIXED VOLUNTARY QUOTA. THEIR
ASSUMPTION WOULD BE THAT WITHIN UNALLOCATED LUMPED QUOTA
LIMITS ROK EXPORTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM MARKET FORCES, ALBEIT
CURTAILED, WHICH WOULD BE OTHERWISE FORECLOSED BY A SPECIFIC
LIMIT FOR THE ROK ALONE.
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